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[1](#)1. (U) In response to reftel demarche, MFA Deputy Director General for Economic Cooperation and Multilateral Finance Massimo Leggeri November 18 told A/ECMIN and Econoff that the Government of Italy (GOI) has not yet decided whether to support the Mexican or Polish candidate. Leggeri believes this decision will be made November 22.

[1](#)2. (U) A/ECMIN stressed our strong support for Mr. Gurria because of his vision for the organization and our belief that he would make a good Secretary General. Leggeri said the GOI also has a high appreciation for Mr. Gurria as a candidate. We will follow-up with Leggeri after November 22 and report any developments.  
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